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SENATOR CLARK: I think the Chair ought to rule one way or the other whether it's reconsideration or not.

PRESIDENT: Well I'll rule on what you say. Do you want to raise a point of order on it?

SENATOR CLARK: I think it is a reconsideration. I think we ought to have the order somewhere.

PRESIDENT: OK, you have raised the point, now I have something to rule on. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, in regard to that and the Speaker and his words, Senator Clark's asking for a ruling, I ask that the amendment be \$99,999.

PRESIDENT: I wouldn't consider that Senator Mahoney. That's essentially the same item. I mean I'm going to rule now one way or another. That doesn't change my ruling.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I think I ought to have a right, as many people do in this Legislature, to change an amendment.

PRESIDENT: The only matter that I know of was yesterday. I felt that because that was tied to another figure at that time that Senator Koch bringing that up independently was a different matter. The Chair is going to sustain Senator Clark's point of order. I sustain Senator Clark's point of order.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I'd like to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT: You appeal the ruling. Yes, alright. Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I want to speak to the motion.

PRESIDENT: Well there is an appeal up now, so comments have to be limited to the appeal. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: In regard to the appeal, Mr. President, I can tell you what's going to happen here. This bill could be advanced. Then he could ask to have this bill brought back for specific amendment, which only requires 25 votes. The overruling of the Chair or the suspension of the rules requires 30 votes. Now if you want to delay and take time doing it ...

PRESIDENT: No, the overruling of the Chair is only 25. Senator Lewis do you want to speak on the appeal?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes. I think Senator Mahoney is absolutely correct that this is a matter of course that we've done. I suppose we need to be a little more parliamentary eagles and I'll help do that in the future. I think Senator Mahoney is perfectly justified in his position. I'd ask you not to support the Chair.